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- Fridt (fnu) partner in the firm Etablissement A. Fridt et Cie. * stated on his recent return from Warsaw that the position of the Polish government concerning the sale of coal remained unchanged. The Poles continue to refuse to deliver Polish coal on "clearing" account, pointing out that coal is a strategic product and can only be exported against supplies of other strategic materials, for example, non-ferrous metals.
- Fridt also stated that the Warsaw government had no intention of lowering the price of coal, his opinion being based on contacts that he had had with officials in Warsaw and particularly with Muszynski, Director of the Treaty Department of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Trade.
- The extraction of coal is going forward according to state plan and Fridt is certain that Poland will produce the target of 80 million tons in the current year.

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